

Proposal Summary

Samoa City Development Strategy Programme

CDS

East Asia and Pacific - Samoa

Summary	The absence of a formal local government to manage the day-to-day demands of communities in Samoa places much urban planning and management responsibility with the central Government Planning and Urban Management Agency (PUMA), which requires a significant increase in human and financial resources to effectively implement its mandate. PUMA has, therefore, requested support from the Cities Alliance to introduce innovative, proactive approaches like the CDS and Cities without Slums to address current urban management concerns.
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Objectives	Activities
The overall objective of the project is to prepare an integrated sustainable management plan (as defined under the PUM Act) for the greater Apia area (including the main growth village of Vaitele) through a "climate proofed" City Development Strategy approach for Vaitele and Apia. In recognition of the effectiveness of working with community leaders and community members and given the challenging "governance issues" being faced in non-traditional urban villages, this proposal represents an additional opportunity for inclusive development of the truly vulnerable as genuinely engaged participants in the decision making process.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Assessment and Analysis: Conduct a participatory rapid urban sector profiling. 2) Vision and Strategies: Prepare a Vision for the development/management of urban areas, reflecting their comparative advantages, and develop an integrated Strategy for their longer-term development including a strategy for addressing hardship(s) and climate change. 3) Investment and Settlement Upgrading and Supporting Infrastructure Investment Programme for Priority Projects: Identify priorities and potential funding sources for infrastructure development and settlement upgrading to meet the long-term development objectives of Apia. 4) Feasibility Study for Urban Village Upgrading: Mobilize key national/local stakeholders to undertake an analysis of socio-economic and physical conditions surveys, generate detailed action plan(s) targeting local stakeholders, prepare feasibility studies and project proposals to secure funding for follow-up implementation of pilot projects. 5) Institutional Strengthening: Assess city/national institutional strengthening needs and design and implement an institutional strengthening action plan. 6) Policy Learning and Knowledge Sharing: Disseminate the City and National Profiles widely to initiate a dialogue for policy reform at the national level on CDS and its relevance to planning and development. 7) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E): Establish and implement a framework for Monitoring and Evaluation of process of implementing the CDS, its achievements and the eventual outcomes.

Submission		Implementation	Budget and Time	
Submitted by: Samoa Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	CA Sponsor: Asian Development Bank; European Commission; UN-HABITAT; UNDP; World Bank	Implemented by: Ministry of Finance (Samoa) CA Monitor: Alex Ricardo Jimenez Cruz	Request to CA:	\$ 237,500
			Co-Financing:	\$ 1,607,000
			Total Budget:	\$ 1,844,500
			Duration:	24 months

Expected Impacts

The immediate outcome of the CDS will be targeted and prioritized investment for the identified urban centres from governments, the private sector, donor/aid agencies and financial institutions, which will contribute to and drive urban growth and meet the needs of the most vulnerable.